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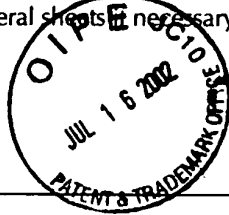
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	1.	4 987 239	1/22/91	Ramachandran et al.			
	2.	5 973 186	10/26/99	Midorikawa et al.			
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